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I 278 755 824 What is done with animals is also done with plants. Because the Dracaena terminalis is so strong and always grows again when it is clipped, the leaves of this plant are used throughout the whole archipelago for both religious purposes and medicines. Who in the Indies has not seen the lank stems with red or green leaves that the people carefully leave standing in a cultivated field? The Dracaena, as well as other plants that have the same characteristic of tenacious vitality, is used to add to the mana of man.

Other plants are used for the same purpose because of their name. It is believed that the nature of the plant is in the name, and so name and substance are identified with each other.

T 278 To give some illustrations, the Toradja have a plant, lontoeroe, which is used as a sedative because toeroe is "to sleep."

A 755 278 In Atjeh, in order to help someone back to health, he is cooled by sprinkling him with water that has been mixed with rice meal. The sprinkling is done with a brush made of a certain plant, sisidjöoe, "cooling."

M 755 278 Ratong-rara, the blood of the rara, plays an important role in the healing art of the Makassarese because rara means "firm" and is thus specially suitable for making one's vitality firm.

I 754 278 It is possible for one to be robbed of mana, in which case the therapy lies in getting it back or in breaking the influence that caused the sickness.

I 776 754 793 753 [161] Just as primitive man has the same explanation for all sickness, lack of magic power or lack of mana, or the presence of one aura or another, the magic power of spirits, gods, demons, or persons, especially priests who hinder the action for the sake of their own mana, for their own vitality, so also does he regard death, not as the result of natural development, but always as the consequence of outside influences. It is the personified spirits of smallpox, cholera, fever, etc. that are the

S 753 cause of death. "Aja noe ngaheureujan, there is someone bothering him (or her," say the Sundanese of a sick person. The